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For: **CREEP RESISTANT ZIRCON REFRACTORY MATERIAL USED IN A GLASS  
MANUFACTURING SYSTEM**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the First Office Action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows: